

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
FOR
FUNDING UNDER THE STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF)
and STATE AID GRANT (SAG) PROGRAMS**

As a result of a review of federal regulations (02/17/84 Federal Register/Vol. 49, No. 34), state SRF rules (Env-C 500), Chapter 277 of the laws of New Hampshire, and past practices, it is the policy of the Water Supply & Pollution Control Division of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, that the **following are deemed eligible/ineligible costs under both the SRF and SAG programs** (see Note, p. 4):

ELIGIBLE

- Land acquisition integral to treatment process, including spray irrigation (with buffer area), other forms of effluent disposal, and for land disposal of sludge and septage
- Land lease for land disposal of sludge and septage if for 10 years and if funds are placed in escrow for lease only
- Conventional wastewater treatment facility with 20-year life
- Innovative/alternative wastewater treatment facility with 20-year life
- Community subsurface disposal system of STEP system from septic tank to collector or disposal system where community retains easement to tank
- Interceptor¹ with 50-year life
- Collector² only if remediating documented public health threat, groundwater contamination, or nuisance condition
- Service connection from eligible collector or interceptor to property or easement line
- Pump station associated with eligible collection system

INELIGIBLE

- Land acquisition not integral to treatment process (including land under WWTF sites)
- Easements and ROW's
- Individual septic system unless related to community-wide solution
- Collector which does not remediate documented problems
- Service connection from property or easement line to building
- Legal costs
- Fiscal costs

¹Per Env-C 502.12 Ainterceptor sewer≡ means a sewer designed to collect wastewater from collector sewers and transport it to a wastewater treatment facility.

²Per Env-C 502.04 Acollector sewer≡ means lateral sewers primarily installed to collect wastewater directly from individual building sewers or private property.

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- I/I correction, including stormwater diversion/separation
 - CSO treatment or abatement
 - Rehabilitation or replacement of eligible collectors or interceptors
 - Septage receiving, treatment, and land application facilities
 - Sludge composting, land application, sludge incineration and ash disposal, sludge monofill, and sludge processing equipment and facility
 - Vehicles directly related to treatment process (sludge hauling, septage hauling if STEP process) or for maintenance and equipment transport
 - Computers and software directly related to process control, analysis, and data management and reporting functions
 - Cost of restoring streets and ROW's to original condition; cost of repaving limited to 2 X width of trench; alternative paving (full width), if cost is less than trench paving
 - Facility planning
 - Infiltration/inflow documentation study, sewer system evaluation study
 - Interest on advances
 - Construction engineering³
 - Consulting engineer design fees
 - Value engineering⁴ fees
 - Environmental/archaeological consulting fees
 - Costs for establishing or using DBE/WBE services

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- Fines/penalties due to violations of or failure to comply with state or federal laws and regulations
 - Vehicles for personnel transportation
 - Computers and software not directly related to process control (used for billing, general office use)
 - Paving or street restoration outside project area
 - Curb-to-curb paving unless more cost effective than trench paving
 - Drainage outside project area

³Ratio is applied where ineligible portions are involved.

⁴See Env-C 500 for discussion of projects requiring V.E.

ELIGIBLE

- Costs of preparation of applications and permits required by federal, state, or local regulations or procedures
- Costs of complying with procurement requirements
- Costs of meeting specific federal statutory procedures
- O&M manual and plan of operation development costs
- Start-up services, including staff training, laboratory and QA/QC procedures, maintenance, and records management
- Subsurface investigations, soil borings, groundwater monitoring
- Costs to mitigate direct adverse physical impacts due to WWTF or pump station per NEPA requirements, including site screening landscaping (trees, shrubs)
- Costs of laboratory equipment and benches and 1-year supply of chemicals to conduct tests for plant operation
- Office furnishings not to exceed allowance of \$1,000
- Costs of shop equipment installed at WWTF necessary for plant operation or shown cost effective over contract services
- Hand tools not to exceed allowance of \$2,000
- Special tools required for specific equipment maintenance
- Portion of collection system maintenance and safety equipment used for eligible collector maintenance
- Cost of mobile equipment necessary for WWTF operation or equipment maintenance, including portable stand-by generators, emergency pumps, and critical replacement parts
- Municipal utility relocation to avoid interferences
- Safety equipment (boat for lagoons, emergency showers, gas air packs, etc.)

INELIGIBLE

- Costs of solutions to aesthetic problems
- Site maintenance equipment (lawn mowers, snow blowers)
- Portion of collection system maintenance equipment used for ineligible collector maintenance
- Office equipment not safety related

ELIGIBLE

- Textbooks and other printed materials used for proper O&M of facility (Sacramento Course, NY and Texas Manuals, Metcalf & Eddy, etc.)
- Other items deemed reasonable, necessary, and allocable to the project

INELIGIBLE

- Costs outside the scope of the approved project

The following are deemed eligible/ineligible costs under the SRF or the SAG programs:

ELIGIBLE (SRF)

- Cadastral and engineering survey costs
- Administrative costs directly related to SRF loan requiring additional time over standard work hours or additional personnel (time records required to support eligibility)

ELIGIBLE (SAG)

- Engineering survey costs

INELIGIBLE (SAG)

- Cadastral survey costs
- Administrative costs

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECTS:**ADDITIONAL
ELIGIBLE COSTS (SRF)**

- Phase 1,2, and 3 Hydrogeological Studies
- Engineering Planning, Design and construction Services
- Transfer/Material Handling/Recycling Station construction
- Closure Construction

**ADDITIONAL
INELIGIBLE COSTS (SRF)**

- Costs not specifically attributable to a Landfill Closure Project
- Maintenance and upkeep after construction is complete

NOTE: In order for wastewater facilities and solid waste management facilities to be deemed eligible for SRF or SAG funds, they must be proven the most cost-effective alternative based on present worth analysis,